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SUBJ: KADAR VISIT TO LENINGRAD

1. LENINGRAD PUT ON THE FULL SHOW FOR THE VISIT OF HUNGARIAN PARTY CHIEF JANOS KADAR. THE ARRAY OF FLAGS, BUNTING AND BANNERS WAS SIMILAR TO THE EXTENSIVE DECORATING DONE FOR NATIONAL DAY AND IT IS CLEAR THAT LENINGRAD'S PARTY CHIEF G.V. ROMANOV SPARED NO EFFORT IN EXTENDING ABOUT ALL THAT LENINGRAD CAN MUSTER FOR SUCH AN EVENT.

2. KADAR AND MEMBERS OF HUNGARIAN DELEGATION, ACCOMPANIED BY SOVIET POLITBURO MEMBER M.A. SUSLOV AND OTHERS, ARRIVED ON RED ARROW EXPRESS TRAIN FROM MOSCOW MORNING SEPT 27 AMID TIGHT SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS AT LENINGRAD'S MOSCOW STATION. THE OFFICIAL PARTY EMERGED FROM TRAIN ON TO CENTRAL PLATFORM LEADING TO THE STATION WHILE ALL OTHER PASSENGERS WERE HELD BACK.

3. CENTRAL PRAVDA FOR SEPT 28 GIVES FULL TEXT OF REMARKS BY ROMANOV, KADAR, SUSLOV AND OTHERS AS CONTAINED IN LENINGRADSKAYA PRAVDA FOR SAME DATE.

4. COMMENT: SUCH HIGH LEVEL AND PRESTIGIOUS VISIT TO SOVIET UNION'S SECOND CITY MAY BE SEEN AS FURTHER EVIDENCE THAT ROMANOV
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IS (A) IN SOLIDLY WITH BREZHNEV AND (B) LIKELY SLATED FOR A FULL

POLITBURO SEAT IN DUE COURSE. CONGEN NOTES THAT SPEECHES OF ROMANOV AND OTHER LENINGRAD ILLUSTRIOUS ONES POINTED UP LENINGRAD SUCCESSES WHILE NEVERTHELESS MAKING DUE REFERENCE TO ROLE OF CENTRAL AUTHORITIES AND BREZHNEV SPECIFICALLY. FOR EXAMPLE, SPEECH OF B.M. VOROB'YEVA CREDITED BREZHNEV WITH PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR INITIATIVE IN SUCCESSFUL SERIAL PRODUCTION OF NEW MODEL K-701 TRACTOR, A GRATUITOUS CREDIT WHICH WAS HARDLY EXTEMPORANEOUS. IN THIS REGARD, KIROV TRACTOR FACTORY MADE A FINE SETTING FOR VARIOUS SPEECHES. KIROV FACTORY IS ONE OF INDUSTRIAL SUCCESS STORIES FOR LENINGRAD, TOGETHER WITH "SVETLANA" ELECTRICAL INSTRUMENT FACTORY WHICH RECENTLY ATTAINED ITS OVERALL 5 YEAR PLAN GOAL IN WORK PRODUCTIVITY.

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